

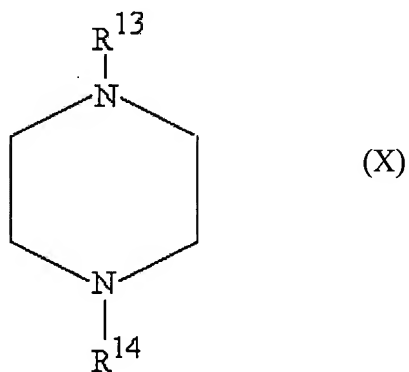
IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (Previously Amended). A method for increasing the endoparasiticial action of cyclic depsipeptides consisting of amino acids and hydroxycarboxylic acids as ring units and having 24 ring atoms, comprising contacting endoparasites with said cyclic depsipeptides in combination with piperazines.

2 (Previously Amended). An endoparasiticial composition that contains piperazines together with cyclic depsipeptides consisting of amino acids and hydroxycarboxylic acids as ring units and having 24 ring atoms.

3 - 6 (Withdrawn).

7 (Previously Amended). The method of claim 1 wherein said piperazines correspond to the formula (X),

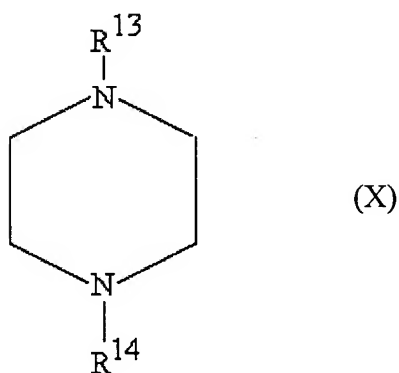


in which

R^{13} and R^{14} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and $-\text{CONR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ or $-\text{CSNR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, in which

R^{15} and R^{16} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted alkyl or cycloalkyl.

8 (Previously Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the piperazines correspond to the formula (X),

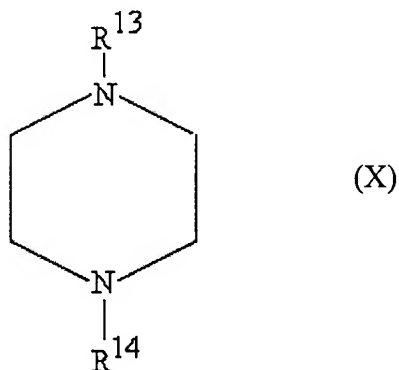


in which

R^{13} and R^{14} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen,, in each case optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl, C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl, and $-\text{CONR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ or $-\text{CSNR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, in which

R^{15} and R^{16} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl or C_3 - C_8 -cycloalkyl.

9 (Currently amended). The method of claim 1, wherein the piperazines correspond to the formula (X)

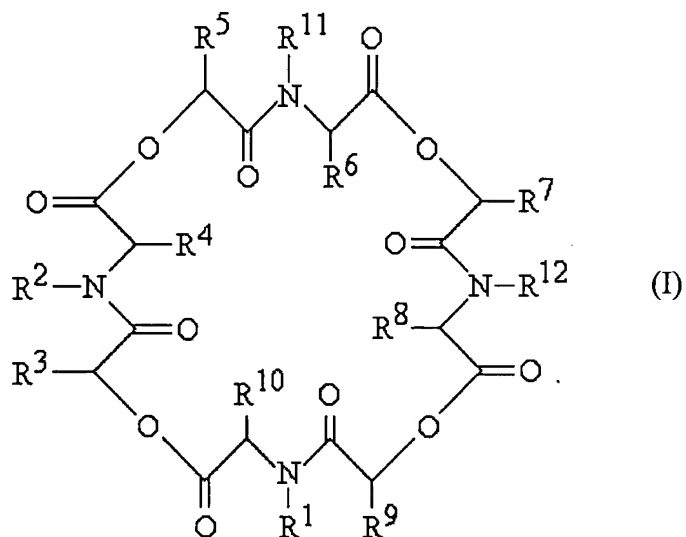


in which

R^{13} and R^{14} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_6 -cycloalkyl, and $-\text{CONR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ or $-\text{CSNR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, in which

R^{15} and R^{16} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or C_6 -cycloalkyl.

10 (Previously Amended). The composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cyclic depsipeptides correspond to the formula (I)



in which

R^1 , R^2 , R^{11} and R^{12} independently of one another represent C_{1-8} -alkyl, C_{1-8} -halogenoalkyl, C_{3-6} -cycloalkyl, aralkyl, aryl,

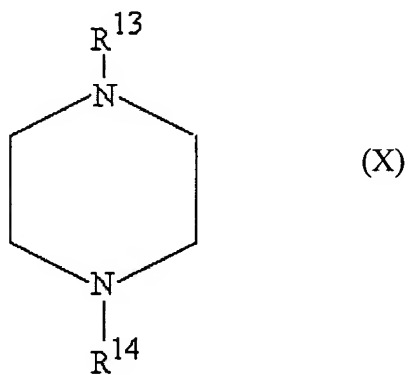
R^3 , R^5 , R^7 , R^9 independently of one another represents hydrogen or straight chain or branched C_{1-8} -alkyl, which can optionally be substituted by hydroxyl, C_{1-4} -alkoxy,

carboxyl (-COOH), carboxamide (-CONH₂), imidazolyl, indolyl, guanidino, -SH or C₁₋₄-alkylthio and further represents aryl or aralkyl which can be substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy,

R⁴, R⁶, R⁸, R¹⁰ independently of one another represent hydrogen, straight-chain C₁₋₅-alkyl, C₂₋₆-alkenyl, C₃₋₇-cycloalkyl, each of which can optionally be substituted by hydroxyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy, carboxyl, carboxamide, imidazolyl, indolyl, guanidino, SH or C₁₋₄-alkylthio, and represent aryl or aralkyl which can be substituted by halogen, hydroxyl, C₁₋₄-alkyl, C₁₋₄-alkoxy,

and their optical isomers and racemates,

and the piperazines correspond to the formula (X),



in which

R^{13} and R^{14} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, and $-\text{CONR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ or $-\text{CSNR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, in which

R^{15} and R^{16} independently of one another represent identical or different substituents of the group hydrogen, in each case optionally substituted alkyl or cycloalkyl.